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SUBJECT: MFA REJECTS PROTEST RE SAGIRASHVILI CASE

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS CALLED TO MFA APRIL 14 BY  
TRIFONOV OF USA DIVISION WHO READ TWO NON-PAPERS, ONE  
ON FILM SHOWINGS BY EMBASSY (SEPTTEL) AND THE OTHER ON  
SAGIRASHVILI CASE. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: "IT IS REPORTED THAT ASSERTIONS ABOUT  
SOME "CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT", ORGANIZED AGAINST A  
FORMER GUIDE OF THE AMERICAN EXHIBIT "PHOTOGRAPHY USA",  
SH. SAGIRASHVILI, DO NOT CORRESPOND TO REALITY. IT  
WAS ASCERTAINED, THAT HOSTILE ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENTS,  
WHICH THIS AMERICAN CITIZEN PERMITTED HIMSELF TO MAKE  
IN CONVERSATIONS WITH VISITORS AT THE EXHIBIT, AROUSED  
THEIR UNDERSTANDABLE DISSATISFACTION AND INDIGNATION.  
THE SOVIET ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXHIBIT RECEIVED  
SEVERAL LETTERS FROM VISITORS WITH THE REQUEST TO  
TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE INADMISSIBLE ACTIVITY  
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OF SAGIRASHVILI. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN  
EMBASSY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF  
WITH THESE LETTERS."

"ACCORDINGLY, THE PROTEST CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S  
STATEMENT OF 13 JANUARY IS REJECTED." END TEXT.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE NOTED THE MINISTRY'S REJECTION OF THE EMBASSY'S PROTEST AND WOULD REPORT IT TO HIS SUPERIORS. HE NOTED THAT ALL GUIDES EMPLOYED BY THE AMERICAN EXHIBIT WERE STRICTLY ENJOINED NOT TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS REFLECTING ADVERSELY EITHER ON THE SOVIET UNION OR ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THEIR SOLE PURPOSE -- AND THAT OF THE EXHIBITIONS -- WAS TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND MR. SAGIRASHVILI WAS SUBJECT TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS. TRIFONOV REPLIED THAT MFA HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION THE ACCURACY OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES REPORTED BY THOSE WHO INVESTIGATED THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE EMBASSY ON 13 JANUARY.

3. P&C COUNSELOR WILL ON OCCASION OF NEXT VISIT TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOLLOW UP EARLIER PROTEST TO THEM OF ORGANIZED HARASSMENT OF SAGIRASHVILI IN TBILISI (REF C), THUS REJECTING TRIFONOV'S REITERATION OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIS BEHAVIOR.  
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